

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to reduce the number of claims and to correct some minor typographical errors or to add words of clarification.

Claims 2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 19, 23, 25-31, 45, 47, 48 57, 60, and 64 have been amended.

Claims 20, 32-35, 46, 50, 59, 65-76, 81, 90, and 92 have been canceled.

Please note that in the application as filed, there were two Claim 31s, the first being the claim currently amended, the second being an independent claim with claims 32-35 dependent on it. Rather than add to the confusion in the listing by showing "Claim 31 (Currently amended)" followed immediately by "Claim 31 (Canceled)", we have omitted any mention of the second Claim 31 in the listing.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application remains in condition for allowance, and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted and signed on

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